

Pennsylvania: 2024 Quarterly Summaries of Child Fatalities and Near Fatalities

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Beaver

(#3) A 3-month-old male child died on December 2, 2023, as a result of physical abuse. Beaver County Children and Youth Services indicated the report on January 22, 2024, naming the victim child's mother and maternal grandmother as the perpetrators. On the date of the incident, it was reported emergency services responded to the home and the child was dead upon arrival. It was determined through the investigation that the mother admitted to strangling the child, which led to the child's death. At the time of the incident, the maternal grandmother was to supervise the mother's contact with the child as a part of a safety plan and failed to adequately supervise contact. As the result of the safety assessment completed, the one other child in the home at the time of the incident was placed in foster care and services were provided. At the time the report was indicated, the mother had been criminally charged, and no criminal charges were filed against the maternal grandmother. The family was previously known to child welfare.